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First Inventor	Neu, Richard W.
Title	Double-Hull Ore Carrying Vessel Conversion From Single-Hull Oil Tanker and Method of Performing the Same
Express Mail No.	EV 388209430 US

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1. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 26]
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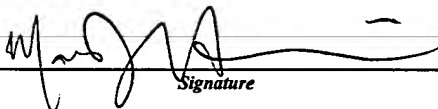
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